

LOCAL NEWS.

THE ALEXANDRIA MUSEUM.—The expediency of founding a Museum to be attached to Washington Lodge, No. 22, was first suggested by Col. Timothy Mountford, a member of the Lodge, on the 29th of December, 1811. On the 13th of February, 1812, the officers of the Lodge were constituted a committee to consider Col. Mountford's suggestion, and in case they concurred therein they were directed to prepare articles of association and present the same at the next stated Lodge. On the 12th of March, 1812, articles of association were reported, and Col. Mountford elected Manager of the "ALEXANDRIA WASHINGTON LODGE MUSEUM," which was to be placed under the control of a Board of Trustees. On the 14th of May, 1812, the Trustees were authorized to grant honorary tickets of admission to the resident clergy, the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, the Mayor, physicians and to such other persons as they might deem proper, in obtaining their aid and assistance in the promotion and establishment of the Museum, said tickets to be good for one year; and on the 9th of July, 1812, members of the Common Council were added to the "free list." On the 8th of February, 1816, the laws regulating the Museum were so amended as to constitute the Worshipful Master for the time being, the Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary the Board of Trustees. The accommodations of the Lodge building not being sufficient for the proper display of the articles deposited in the Museum; on the 9th of December, 1817, the Past Masters and officers were appointed a committee to make application to the Common Council for the use of suitable apartments over the market building, then being erected on Royal street for its better accommodation, and that of the public. They were directed to lay before the Council the "articles of association," as explanatory of their views, and for such space of time, as might be deemed reasonable. The Council acceded to the request of the committee, and provided the rooms necessary in the third story of the new market building, (Royal street,) and on the 11th of June, 1818, the trustees were authorized to remove the Museum from the Lodge, which it had occupied since its organization. In its new quarters the Museum became one of the "institutions" of the town, and the good management of Col. Mountford added greatly to the numerous objects of art, science, and mechanical skill, which it already contained. During the winter season the Museum was occasionally opened for the benefit of the poor of the town, under direction of a committee of the Lodge. On these occasions Col. Mountford generally provided music for the entertainment of the visitors. On the 14th of January, 1841, the Lodge appointed James Irwin, Joseph Eches, Geo. H. Smoot, Horatio N. Steele, Robert T. Ramsay and Edward Burchell a committee to assist Col. Mountford in the management of one of these entertainments. This particular exhibition was continued for three nights, and was well attended. The net proceeds of the three nights (reported to the Lodge on the 24th of January, 1841) amounted to \$153.09 which was distributed to the worthy poor of the town. A fund was raised for a similar purpose on the 13th of January, 1842. In addition to relics previously deposited, on the 19th of May, 1842, the Lodge deposited in the Museum several tables formerly belonging to Washington, which had been presented to it by its relatives (and table, made of mahogany, handsomely carved.) On the death of Col. Mountford, the first and only manager, about 1852, James C. Goods became the Superintendent by appointment of the Council or Mayor, who held possession until his death in 1862, when Harrie Bell took charge of it.

These facts are obtained from the minutes of Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 22.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular monthly meeting of this Association was held last night in their room, on King street, the President in the chair.

The meeting was opened with the usual religious exercises.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee reported the following names of persons for membership: W. N. Berkeley of Robert Wade, of the M. E. Church, and Jas. R. Grigg, associate; report accepted and the parties were elected.

The report of the Committee on the Anniversary Meeting held on the 15th of last month was read, and on motion, it was adopted.

The General Secretary presented his monthly report, which was accepted.

A communication from W. J. Munford, of Richmond, respecting the publication of the proceedings of the late State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. was read, and on motion, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to subscribe for ten copies of the Journal.

The amendment offered by the General Secretary, at December meeting, was withdrawn.

The resignation of the Recording Secretary was laid upon the table.

On motion, it was resolved that this Association open its room every Tuesday night for Bible readings, commencing with next Tuesday night, 23d inst., at 7 1/2 o'clock, the subject for that season to be the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to John, and that the General Secretary give notice of the same at the four o'clock Sunday afternoon prayer meetings, and extend a cordial invitation to all interested in this matter to attend these readings.

The late Treasurer submitted his final report, extending from May to November, 1874, which was referred, for examination, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report at next meeting.

After further religious exercises, the pleasant reunion was brought to a close, the members joining in singing the Doxology.

RIVER NEWS.—The ice embargo still continues, and with but little prospect of its being removed at an early date. As low down as Arkendale, and as far below that point as the eye could reach through a telescope, it was, as late as yesterday afternoon, frozen entirely across, and probably is so as low down as Blackstone's Island. At this point the ice bridge remains sufficiently strong for loaded carts and wagons, pulled, however, by men, to pass and repass over it with impunity. Two ice boats—frames on runners and equipped with sails—were out this morning, and propelled by the breeze; then blowing, sped along with the rapidity of a locomotive. The surface of the river is continually dotted with persons skating and walking, and yesterday afternoon a party of ladies and gentlemen from Washington skated here, some of whom returned the same way, while the others went back by the A. & W. R. R.

POLICE REPORT.—Affairs were exceedingly quiet at police headquarters this morning. Mayor Kemper being absent on a short visit to Petersburg, his court was presided over by S. H. Janney, President of the Board of Aldermen, but the only case before that court was that of Anthony Grant, colored, who was committed to jail for further examination, on the charge of stealing tobacco from the store of Warren & Moore.

Eight lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

RIVER AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.—The river and harbor appropriation bill, reported to the U. S. House of Representatives, makes the following appropriations: Wicomico river, \$2,000; Occoquan Creek, \$5,000; Aquia Creek, \$5,000; E. E. river, Md., \$5,000; mouth of Nomini Creek, \$5,000; Rappahannock river, \$5,000.

MELANCHOLY INCIDENT.—It was stated in Monday's Gazette that two of Captain Shoemaker's children were interred here that day. They were the only children of their parents, and but the week before had left here in the full enjoyment of exuberant health to visit their uncle in Mississippi. At his home they were taken sick with the measles, died within a day of each other, and the same train that a few days before had borne them along on their way to the sunny South—their bright faces and playful dispositions the delight of the other passengers—brought back their lifeless bodies to the cold, bleak grave yard.

THE SOUTHERN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION held a meeting last Monday night at the law office of Mills Dean, esq., on Louisiana avenue, in Washington, Dr. A. Y. P. Garnett in the chair, and Dr. Wm. P. Young secretary. A set of by-laws reported by C. P. Harmon for the government of the association was adopted, and a board of managers was elected as follows: Mrs. R. P. Dodge, Mrs. C. P. Culver, Mrs. Gen. M. Watkins, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, Mrs. Gen. M. D. Corse, Messrs. John C. Whitehall, Mills Dean, Major E. W. Anderson, Hatch Caperton and Dr. C. P. Culver.—*Wash. Star.*

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—At the last meeting of Mechanics Lodge of Knights of Pythias, the Grand Chancellor of the State, G. L. Simpson, who was received with the grand honors of the order, delivered an address, in which he gave the history of the order from its origin down to the present time. At a meeting of Oriental Lodge, last night, the same gentleman read the proceedings of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge.

MOUNT VERNON COTTON FACTORY.—At the term of the U. S. Circuit Court, held in this city yesterday, in the case of Turnball & Co. vs. A. Thomas, an order was entered directing a resale of the Mount Vernon Cotton Factory and appurtenances unless the remainder of the original purchase money be paid by Turnball & Co. within thirty days.

CHRIST CHURCH CHOR.—Another effort will be made to-night to organize a choir for Christ Church. Professor Hymen will be retained as organist—a position he has filled so satisfactorily for the last six years—and the other members will be selected from those who have heretofore, at different times, sung in the choir.

THE WEATHER.—The weather, to-day, has been bright and comparatively warm, and under its influence nearly all of the remaining snow and some of the ice has disappeared. The streets were consequently sloppy, and some of the sidewalks made dangerous by the snow and ice that was sliding at intervals from the roofs.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Henry Rowe, a well known colored man, who kept a huckster's stall in the market, died suddenly last night. He was an old resident of the city, was highly respected, and was one of the few colored men who had sense enough to see through the designs of the Radicals at an early day and to act accordingly.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—An old man living in Prince William county, near Burke's Station, named Chap Steel, is reported to have been found dead and frozen stiff in his house a day or two ago. He lived alone.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Persons contemplating a trip to the north or west would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity to buy cheap fare tickets now offered by the existing difficulty between the several railroads.

The supply of oysters in the city has become almost exhausted, with no immediate prospect of being replenished, and as frozen oysters are selling in Baltimore at \$1.25, the dearth must be nearly as great in this city.

Letters addressed to Mrs. R. J. Washington, Oak Grove, Va., and Houck & Gray, Leesburg, Va., are detained in the postoffice here for want of postage.

The alarm of fire about seven o'clock last night was caused by the appearance of the Columbia engine on the street in front of its house.

The Elmwood collar, with all the edges folded, will fit better and wear longer than any other. Prove this by trying.

Time is money, but health is happiness. If you have a bad cold or cough, use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, it will cure you. Price 25 cents.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.—At this time, when Coughs and Colds are so prevalent, we would again call attention to this invaluable Preparation. It has been used by hundreds in this vicinity since we have been the agents for it, and it has always given great satisfaction. Put up in large bottles at one dollar, and small ones at fifty cents. The trade supplied at proprietor's rates.

LEADBEATER'S COUGH SYRUP. In vials, at 25c each, is an article of our own make that we can recommend as being a most desirable preparation for ordinary Coughs, Colds, &c. We have been selling it for a long time, and it gives general satisfaction. Also our well known ANODYNE PECTORAL, in bottles, at 50c each. A full supply just prepared and for sale by

J. E. LEADBEATER & BRO.

VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE. The next half session will begin on the 24th of February.

TELEGRAPHY will be taught. Expenses very moderate. For Catalogue address C. L. C. MINOR, President, Blacksburg, Virginia.

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM. Sole Agents for PARIS "FRANZ'S" KID GLOVES. 1 button, \$1.25; 2 do., \$1.50; 3 do., \$1.50. We have the above Gloves in every shade, and guarantee every pair sold.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF GENTLEMEN'S GOODS. Black French Cloths and other Coatings; also superior Fancy Dressings and Fancy Cassimeres. We are offering these goods much below the price. Gentlemen will do well to take advantage of this sale.

NOTICE. Another supply of my PECTORAL COUGH DROPS, for Coughs, Colds, &c. Equal to any in the market. Certificates from our own people. Price 25c per bottle.

W. F. CREIGHTON, 85 King street.

SLEIGH BASKETS AND RUNNERS. OF ASSORTED SIZES, AT REDUCED PRICES.

For sale by J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES, &c. Manufacturer's Agency. Incomparable Perfected Lenses. Another supply. Prices ranging from 25c to \$1.00.

HAIR! Another large supply of REAL HAIR, all shades and lengths, for sale wholesale and retail at GREEN'S Hair Goods Manufactory.

SOAPS! Have this day received a large supply of Toilet Soaps direct from manufactory. Price from 5c to 35c per cake. Call and examine.

W. F. CREIGHTON, 85 King street.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.)

FROM WASHINGTON.

Congress. WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17. The Senate occupied the morning hour in discussing a resolution to publish certain reports of the coast survey.

At the close of the morning hour Mr. Sargent resumed his speech interrupted yesterday.

The House of Representatives was engaged in the consideration of the new Revenue bill.

The bill was discussed at length.

Mr. Burdick, of Ill., favored striking out all the imports except that upon liquor. He urged that as the number of persons engaged in agriculture was 3,000,000 while that in manufacture did not exceed 600,000, it was the duty of the House to protect the agricultural interest.

The debate was continued by Mr. Cox, of New York, and others.

Jump for Death.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A man jumped from the second balustrade of the dome of the Capitol, this evening, and fell on the roof over the entrance of the east front of the building, killing himself instantly, and scattering his brains and blood all around the spot where his body lay.

Louisiana.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—J. C. Zacharie, Chairman of the Conservative Committee before the Returning Board and the two Congressional Committees lately at New Orleans, in a letter published here this morning, says: General Badger, the Superintendent of the Police, testified on cross-examination that on the 4th of January General Sheridan, through General Emory and by means of the police telegraph, communicated from the Custom House to the State House orders and instructions resulting in the displacement of the five Conservative members. It is generally believed in New Orleans that the statements in the President's message must have been made in error, as General Sheridan's participation in the events of the 4th are well known.

Canada.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Mr. Mills intends moving an address to His Excellency for copies of all correspondence between the governments of Canada and Great Britain in reference to monetary compensation to be paid by the United States to Canada under the treaty of Washington for the liberty of fishing in Canadian waters. Also for any correspondence on the same subject between the governments of Great Britain and the United States, communicated to His Excellency for the information of the Canadian government.

John Mitchell.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—It is reported that John Mitchell will refuse to take the oath of allegiance. It is also said that the other Home Rule members of Parliament will refuse to support Mr. Mitchell because the policy he proposes to pursue is different from theirs. At a meeting of Electors of County Tipperary, Ireland, a resolution was adopted declaring that in the event of Mr. Mitchell's election to Parliament being annulled they would again return him.

Philadelphia Election.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—The election yesterday for Councils resulted in the choice of 22 Republicans and 7 Democrats to the Select, and 55 Republicans and 15 Democrats to the Common Council. In the 3d Ward James L. Marshall, Democrat, was elected by twelve plurality over Harry Hunter to fill a vacancy in the State Legislature, caused by the death of Wm. H. Fagan.

Missing Seamen.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Captain and thirteen of the crew of the ship Sydney Daeres from San Francisco for Liverpool which was abandoned off the Skellig Islands are missing. The remainder of the ship's company have arrived at Valencia.

Homicide.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Michael Flaning died last night from the effects of injuries received at the hands of Bernard Woods during a quarrel on board the steamship Henry Chaney, while on voyage to this port. Both were firemen on the steamship.

The Tilton-Beecher Case.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Theodore Tilton resumed his place in the witness chair this morning when the Court was opened and his direct examination was continued by ex Judge Fullerton.

Snicide.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Hon. John B. Drayton, ex-President of the Jersey City Fire Commissioners, committed suicide at five o'clock this morning by shooting.

Valuable Cargo.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—The ship Olive reported abandoned on Sogage from Singapore for Boston had a cargo valued at \$20,000.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 11 a. m. For the Middle States, falling barometer, increasing southerly winds, warmer, cloudy weather with possibly rain or snow followed by northwest winds and colder weather Wednesday night.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Stocks active, unsettled and lower. Money 2. Gold 154. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and heavy. Corn dull and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—West Va. sixes, 100s; do. consolidated 54; West Va. sixes 100s; Cotton inactive, but steady; holders firm; low middlings 15a15c. Flour quiet and unchanged.

Wheat dull and weak; No. 1 Western subber 12a12c; No. 2 do 11a11c; No. 3 do 10a10c; No. 4 do 9a9c; No. 5 do 8a8c; No. 6 do 7a7c; No. 7 do 6a6c; No. 8 do 5a5c; No. 9 do 4a4c; No. 10 do 3a3c; No. 11 do 2a2c; No. 12 do 1a1c.

Wheat and rye; No. 1 Western subber 12a12c; No. 2 do 11a11c; No. 3 do 10a10c; No. 4 do 9a9c; No. 5 do 8a8c; No. 6 do 7a7c; No. 7 do 6a6c; No. 8 do 5a5c; No. 9 do 4a4c; No. 10 do 3a3c; No. 11 do 2a2c; No. 12 do 1a1c.

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FOR SALE OR RENT.

FOR SALE OR RENT—THE LARGE THREE-STORY BRICK HOUSE, covered with slate, on the east side of Royal street, between Prince and Duke, now occupied by Rev. Dr. Mitchell. For terms apply to CHAS. E. HOOFF.

FOR RENT—THE WHARF AND WAREHOUSE recently occupied by B. H. Lambert. Rent low. Apply to E. J. MILLER, Esq., 65 King street.

FOR RENT—The two-story BRICK DWELLING No. 110 Prince street, now occupied by Mr. John Hawhurst. Possession given December. Apply to WM. ARNOLD or JOHN A. FIELD.

GO AND CONSULT MADAME FLORENCE, THE WONDERFUL SEER AND CLAIRVOYANT.

She is the seventh daughter of the seventh daughter. She can be consulted at No. 54 Duke street, between Lee and Fairfax. Gives advice in all business matters, telling how to recover lost or stolen property; tells of lovers and even tells the name of the person you are to marry. Fee \$1. All letters answered promptly by enclosing \$1 and stamp. Hours from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

GREAT BARGAINS IN WALL PAPERS GILT, SATIN AND BLANK.

Job lot and remnant of Wall Papers, suitable for large or small rooms. The cheapest lot of Wall Papers ever offered in this city.

Call soon if you want to get bargains. They will be sold much below cost to close them out. JOHN P. CLARKE, No. 168 King street.

PICTURES, FRAMES, &c., —AT— **CLARKE'S,** 168 KING STREET.

NEW, BEAUTIFUL AND ORNAMENTAL, AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

CHEAP BOSOMS! We have just purchased a large lot of Shirt Bosoms at a great reduction in price on account of being store stained. They will be sold cheap. D. F. WITMER CO.

GROGERS, would you please your customers and increase your trade? Then sell JAMES S. WELCH'S and "STONEWALL" FAMILY FLOUR.

DRIED FRUIT—5 bbls Dried Peaches, halves, just received, also Peeled Peaches, Pears and Apples, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

NEW GOODS! Fancy Goods, Soaps, Perfumery, Nail Brushes, Drugs, Patent Medicines, &c., just received by HENRY COOK & CO.

PRIME CODFISH, No. 1 Mackerel, Mess Shad, Shore and Labrador Herring, and Smoked Blotters, just received and for sale by GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

STAMPED BANDS AND SLEEVES given away to any person who may have 25 cents' worth of stamping done during the next 10 days at the Stamping Department.

PRIME CODFISH, Smoked Blotters, Split Labrador Herring, No. 1 Mackerel in bbls and kits, and Nos. 2 and 3, large and medium. GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

CUTLER'S POCKET INHALERS. We have just received a supply of the above with the latest improvements.

SOUSED PIGS' FEET AND PENNSYLVANIA APPLE BUTTER received this day and for sale by DAVY & HARMON.

COMPRESSED CAMPHOR! Call and examine. HENRY COOK & CO.

GENUINE AND IMITATION OIL SILK. A piece of each received this morning.

STONEWALL—50 barrels STONEWALL FAMILY FLOUR received this day and for sale by DELAPLANE & FOWLE.

BEST AND CHEAPEST IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CIGARS. G. W. RAMSAY, Cor. King and St. Asaph streets.

FISH—Smoked Blotters, Cod Fish, Labrador Herrings, and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel, received and for sale by DAVY & HARMON.

APPLE, Peach and Quince Butter at cost, put up nicely in tin buckets for family use. Something delicious. For sale at 14 King st.

DRIED SWEET CORN of prime quality for sale by G. W. RAMSAY.

JUST RECEIVED—25 barrels "STONEWALL" FAMILY FLOUR by DELAPLANE & FOWLE.

A FULL LINE OF RICHARDSON'S IRISH LINEN AND BLUE AND BROWN DENIMES. D. F. WITMER CO.

BEDCOMFORTS! BEDCOMFORTS! At reduced prices by WM. N. BERKLEY & SON.

SELECTED FAMILY ROEBER HERRING in store and for sale at 147 King st.

ANOTHER lot of those fine HAMS, of small sizes, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

FRESH FIGS, PRUNES and LAYER RAISINS received to-day by DAVY & HARMON.

1, 2 & 3 MACKEREL in store and for sale cheap at 147 King st.

MESS SHAD in store and for sale at 147 King street.

LADIES' LINEN CUFFS and COLLARS. Latest styles, just opened.

150 BUSHELS CHOICE WESTERN CLOVER SEED for sale by WASHINGTON & BRO.

10-4 SHEETINGS and OTHER DOMESTICS received this morning.

WAX CANDLES, 4s, and Paraffine do., for sale by G. W. RAMSAY.

PRIME NO. 1 MACKEREL, in kits and at retail, at GEO. MCBURNEY & SON'S.

DRIED APPLES and Turkish Prunes for sale by GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

A PRIME LOT OF NEW YORK APPLIES just received and for sale by GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

WILTSHIRE, Cheddar and Edam Cheese for sale by G. W. RAMSAY.

20 BUSHELS PRIME B. E. PEAS just received by J. C. MILBURN.

DESSICATED and MACERATED COCOA NUT for sale by G. W. RAMSAY.

AUCTION SALES.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE. Pursuant to the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, entered at February term, 1875, in the suit of Baylis vs. Baylis, the undersigned commissioner named in said decree, will on the 15th DAY OF MARCH, 1875, (court day) before the door of the Court House of said county, sell to the highest bidder, at public sale, all the REAL ESTATE, (except widow's dower) of the late Henry Baylis, died seized, containing by recent survey 20 3/4-100 acres. This land lies on Pollock run and Fredericksburg Railroad and is divided into two lots by the county road and adjoins B. Baylis, Harvor and others. It will be sold in two parcels, of which a plat will be exhibited at sale. No improvements.

Terms: So much cash in hand as will be required to pay the costs and expenses of sale and the residue in three equal annual payments to bear interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser with good personal security and retention of title until the last payment is made.

DRY GOODS. NOTICE—Our very large stock of DRESS GOODS we want to sell out very much. As our assortment is good and we will make the prices to suit the times, we hope to dispose of a large quantity of them to make way for Spring purchases.

DOMESTICS. Calicoes, Cottons, &c., received this 25th instant. A large stock, and will be sold as cheap as the cheapest.

CHEAP DRESS GOODS! CHEAP DRESS GOODS! CHEAP DRESS GOODS! D. F. WITMER CO.

AT ROBERT L. WOOD'S. NEW GOODS. DRY GOODS CHEAPER THAN EVER.

THE BOTTOM PRICES